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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION PANAMA INFO USUN FROM SECSTATE MAR 20
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SUBJECT: SC MEETING: DRAFT DECLARATION OF CONSENSUS

REF: PANAMA 1455

1. DRAFT DECLARATION REFTEL IS TENDENTIOUS, DISTORTED AND UNBALANCED STATEMENT UNACCEPTABLE TO US. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR US CANNOT JOIN IN AUTHORIZING SC PRESIDENT TO DECLARE STATEMENT AS SC CONSENSUS. UNLESS DECLARATION IS MODIFIED EXTENSIVELY IT COULD IN ITS PRESENT FORM BE READ OUT BY PRESIDENT ONLY AS SUMMARIZING VIEWS OF SOME OR MANY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO WHICH OTHERS HAVE STATED RESERVATIONS AND OBJECTIONS.

2. WE SEE LITTLE PROSPECT OF OBTAINING MODIFICATION IN DECLARATION SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE US TO ENDORSE IT. AS PRESENTED IT (A) FAILS TO COMPRISE BALANCED SUMMARY OF SITUATIONS AND MEASURES DISCUSSED, (B) OVERLOOKS PRIMARY
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REGIONAL ROLE OF OAS, (C) INTERJECTS SC INTO PANAMA CANAL
ISSUE CURRENTLY UNDER BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, (D) OMITTS
REFERENCE TO RESPECT FOR TREATIES AND OTHER LEGAL
OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING PAYMENT OF FAIR COMPENSATION, (E)
CITES SOME GA RESOLUTIONS WE HAVE NOT SUPPORTED, AND (F)
WOULD ENGAGE COUNCIL IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND COMMERCIAL
MATTERS WHICH ARE THE BUSINESS OF OTHER UN ORGANS. MORE-

OVER, MOST OF DECLARATION IN LIGHT OF CHARGES IT REFLECTS,
CONSTITUTES AN UNJUSTIFIED INDICTMENT OF THE US.

3. HOWEVER, SINCE US INTRODUCTION OF TOTALLY REDRAFTED
STATEMENT AT THIS TIME LIKELY PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE,
WE PREPARED FOR TIME BEING TO ATTEMPT TO WORK WITHIN FRAME-
WORK OF BOYD DRAFT WHICH COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED:

(A) TO EMPHASIZE THAT VIEWS EXPRESSED ARE THOSE OF VARIOUS
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND NOT OF COUNCIL AS SUCH;

(B) TO SUGGEST INCLUSION (FOR TACTICAL REASONS TO BALANCE
PRESENT DRAFT) OF REFERENCES TO SITUATIONS AND MEASURES
WHICH IMPLY CRITICISM OF OTHERS, E. G., CUBAN SUPPORT OF
REVOLUTION AND SUBVERSION IN HEMISPHERE;

(C) TO BROADEN FORMULATION WHICH IN LA CONTEXT APPEAR
DIRECTED AGAINST US BUT GLOBALLY ARE GENERALITIES MOST OF
WHICH WE CAN ACCEPT.

4. IN SHORT, WE SEEK A GENERAL STATEMENT, PREFERABLY IN
FORM OF RESUME SUGGESTED BY BOYD (PANAMA 1476), COUCHED IN
TERMS THAT DO NOT SEEM TO FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON THE US, SO
THAT ANY PRINCIPLES WILL BE SEEN AS APPLICABLE ALSO TO
OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS. YOU SHOULD BE QUITE FIRM IN PURSUIT
OF THIS OBJECTIVE. WE WILL WISH TO MAINTAIN A CLEAR RECORD
OF OPPOSITION TO OBJECTIONABLE FORMULATIONS. YOU SHOULD
SEEK VIEWS OF OTHER FRIENDLY COUNCIL MEMBERS, INCLUDING
FRANCE, IN CONVINCING PANAMANIAN AND OTHER SC MEMBERS THAT
PRESENT BOYD DRAFT UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT LONG AND CON-
TENTIOUS DISCUSSION LOOMS IF THESE THEMES ARE PURSUED.

5. WE ARE WORKING ON POSSIBLE REVISED TEXT MEETING OUR
NEEDS BUT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR LATEST READING ON STATUS
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